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Examiner: Richard Lee

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a full and complete response to an Examiner's Action dated December 6, 2000, Paper no. 2.

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established for this application by a previously submitted verified statement.

Applicant believes that no additional fee is required for filing the amendment set forth in the accompanying response. The patent application as originally filed included only one (1) independent claim, and a total of five (5) dependent claims. After entry of the amendment set forth in the accompanying response, the application will still include only one (1) independent claims, and a total of seven (7) claims.

Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Action, and submits a check in the amount of \$55.00 in payment of the small entity fee

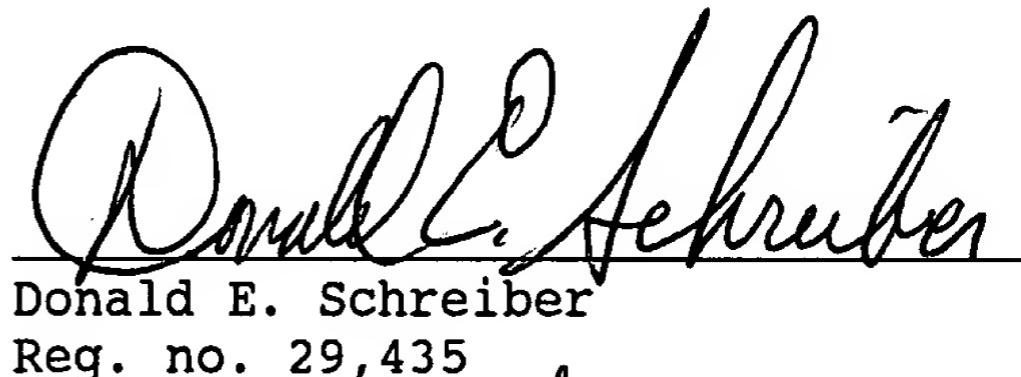
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for a one (1) month extension. If any additional extension of time is required to make this response timely, then pursuant to the relevant provision of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby conditionally petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely.

If any additional fee is due, the Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any surplus in the enclosed fee to Deposit Account no. 19-0735. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.



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